

PSALM CXXXVII

[BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON]

FOR FOUR-PART CHORUS OF WOMEN'S VOICES  
WITH ACCOMPANIMENT OF ORGAN, HARP  
TWO FLUTES, AND VIOLONCELLO OBBLIGATO

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# By the Rivers of Babylon

For Chorus of Women's Voices

Psalm cxxxvii

Andante

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Piano

*p dolce*

*cresc.*

*mf*

*dim.*

Soprano I

Soprano II

Alto I

Alto II

*p*

By the riv-ers of

*p*

By the riv-ers of

*cresc.*

*f*

*dim.*

*p*

Bab - y - lon, there we sat down, Yea, we wept, when we re-  
Bab - y - lon, there we sat down, Yea, we wept, when we re-

*cresc.*  
*cresc.*

When we remem - ber'd  
When we remem - ber'd  
mem - ber'd Zi - on, when we remem - ber'd  
mem - ber'd Zi - on, when we remem - ber'd

*f*  
*f*  
*f*  
*f*

*Ped.*

Zi - on.  
Zi - on.  
Zi - on.  
Zi - on.

*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*

*We*  
*We*

*dim.*  
*f*



(B)

hanged our harps up-on the wil-lows in the

*poco f*

(B)

hanged our harps up-on the wil-lows in the

We hanged our harps up-on the wil-lows in the

We hanged our harps up-on the wil-lows in the

midst there-of, we hanged our harps up-on the wil-lows in the

midst there-of, we hanged our harps up-on the wil-lows in the

(C)

midst there-of.

midst there-of.

midst there-of. For there they that carried us a-way captive re-

midst there-of.

(C)

*mf* Re - quired of us a song; and they that  
*mf* Re - quired of us a song; *mf*  
 quired of us a song; and they that  
*mf* Re - quired of us a song;

*f* wast - ed us re - quired of us  
*f* wast - ed us re - quired of us

*f* mirth, say - ing, Sing us one of the  
*f* mirth, say - ing, Sing us one of the  
*cresc.* Sing us one of the

songs of Zi-on, *rall.*

songs of Zi-on, *rall.*

songs of Zi-on, *rall.*

songs of Zi-on, *rall.*

*rall.*

*ff* sing us one of the songs of Zi-on,

*ff* sing us one of the songs of Zi-on,

*ff* sing us one of the songs of Zi-on,

*ff* sing us one of the songs of Zi-on,

*ff*

*cresc.* sing us one *cresc.* of the songs of Zi-on. — *ff*

*cresc.* sing us one *cresc.* of the songs of Zi-on. — *ff*

*cresc.* sing us one *cresc.* of the songs of Zi-on. — *ff*

*cresc.* sing us one *cresc.* of the songs of Zi-on. — *ff*

*cresc.* *dim.*



**(E)** *dolce*

How shall we sing the Lord's

*dolce*

How shall we sing the Lord's

*dolce*

How shall we sing the Lord's

*dolce*

How shall we sing the Lord's

**(E)** *(♩ = ♩)* How shall we sing the Lord's

*rall.*

*p*

song in a strangeland? How shall we sing the Lord's

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song in a strangeland? How shall we sing the Lord's

song in a strangeland? How shall we sing the Lord's

song in a strangeland? How shall we sing the Lord's

*mf*

*mp*

*p*

**(F)** *mf*

song in a strangeland? in a

*mf*

song in a strange land? in a

*mf*

song in a strange land?

*mf*

song in a strange land?

**(F)**

strange land? How shall we sing the

strange land? How shall we sing the Lord's

in a strange land? How shall we sing the Lord's song in a

in a strange land? How shall we sing the Lord's song in a

Lord's song in a strange land?

song in a strange land?

strange land?

strange land?

If I forget

It I forget



*f* O Je - ru - sa - lem, let my right hand for - get her cun-ning;  
*f* thee, O Je - ru - sa - lem, let my right hand for - get her cun-ning;  
*f* thee, O Je - ru - sa - lem, let my right hand for - get her cun-ning;  
*f* O Je - ru - sa - lem, let my right hand for - get her cun-ning;

*p* if I do not re - mem - ber thee, let my tongue cleave  
*p* if I do not re - mem - ber thee, let my tongue cleave  
*p* if I do not re - mem - ber thee, let my tongue cleave  
*p* if I do not re - mem - ber thee, let my tongue cleave

*ff* to the roof of my mouth; if I pre-fer  
*ff* to the roof of my mouth; if I pre-fer  
*ff* to the roof of my mouth; if I pre-fer  
*ff* to the roof of my mouth; if I pre-fer

not Je - ru - sa - lem, *f* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem, *p cresc.*  
 not Je - ru - sa - lem, *f* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem, *p cresc.*  
 not Je - ru - sa - lem, *f* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem, *p cresc.*  
 not Je - ru - sa - lem, *f* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem, *p cresc.*  
 not Je - ru - sa - lem, *f* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem, *p cresc.*

**I** *p* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove my chief *cresc.*  
*p* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove my chief *cresc.*  
*p* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove my chief *cresc.*  
*p* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove my chief *cresc.*  
**I** *p* if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove my chief *cresc.*

joy, a - bove my chief joy, if  
 joy, a - bove my chief joy, if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem,  
 joy, a - bove my chief joy, if I pre - fer not Je - ru - sa - lem,  
 joy, a - bove my chief joy, if

I pre-fer not Je-ru-sa-lem a -  
a - bove my chief -  
a - bove my chief -  
I pre-fer not Je-ru-sa-lem a -

(K)

bove my chief — joy.  
joy, a-bove my chief joy.  
joy, a-bove my chief joy.  
bove my chief — joy.

dim.

(Psalm cxxvi: 4, 5)

mp  
Turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty,  
mp  
Turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty,

mf p



Turn a-gain— our cap-tiv-i-ty, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O

Turn a-gain— our cap-tiv-i-ty, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O

turn a-gain— our cap-tiv-i-ty, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O

turn a-gain— our cap-tiv-i-ty, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O

*pp* *dolce*

Lord, as the streams in the south,

Lord, as the streams in the south,

Lord, as the streams in the south,

Lord, as the streams in the south,

Lord, as the streams in the south,

*dolciss.*

*Poco più animato*

as the streams in the south;

as the streams in the south;

*Poco più animato*

*p*

turn a - gain our cap-tiv-i - ty,  
 turn a - gain our cap-tiv-i - ty,  
 turn a - gain our cap-tiv-i - ty,  
 turn a - gain our cap-tiv-i - ty,

*pp*

(M) Moderato con moto  
*mp*  
 as the streams

(M) Moderato con moto  
*p*

(M) Moderato con moto  
 in the south; turn a -  
 as the

gain our cap - tiv - i - ty, as the  
streams in the south;

streams in the south, *mp* as the streams  
turn a -

in the south; *cresc.* turn a - *mf*  
gain our cap - tiv - i - ty, *cresc.* as the *mf*



gain our cap - ti - vi - ty,  
streams in the south,  
streams in the south,  
as the streams in the  
as the streams in the  
as the streams in the  
as the streams in the  
south;  
south;  
south;  
south;  
turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty,  
turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty,  
turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty,  
turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty,  
turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty,

*(P)*  
*f*  
*p*  
*pp*

*p* turn a-gain our cap-tiv-i-ty, *rall.*  
*p* turn a-gain our cap-tiv-i-ty, *rall.*  
*p* turn a-gain our cap-tiv-i-ty, *rall.*  
*p* turn a-gain our cap-tiv-i-ty, *rall.*

*pp* *mf* *rall.*

(R) *a tempo*

*mf* *a tempo*  
 turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i -

(R) *a tempo*

turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i -

*cresc.* ty, as *cresc.* the streams in the  
 ty, as the streams in the

(S) *f*

turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty, — as the  
 turn a - gain our cap - tiv - i - ty, — as the  
 south, — as the  
 south, — as the

(S)

streams in the south. —  
 streams in the south. —  
 streams in the south. —  
 streams in the south. —  
 streams in the south. —

*dim. sempre poco a poco più tranquillo*

(T) *p* *cresc.* *f*

They that sow in tears shall reap —  
 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy, — shall  
 They that sow in tears shall reap in  
 They that sow in tears shall

*p* *cresc.* *f*

(T) *p* *cresc.* *f*

They that sow in tears shall



*f sempre*

(U)

in joy. —

*f sempre*

reap — in joy. —

*f sempre*

joy, shall reap in joy. —

*f sempre*

reap — in joy. —

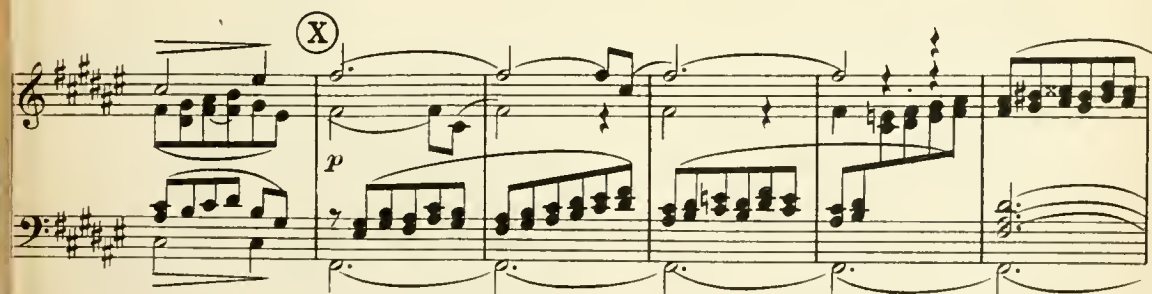
(U)

*mf**f**ff**ff**dim. sempre**poco rit.**p**dol.*

(V)

Adagio ma non troppo

*tr*



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